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1. COMMISSIONER MINES POWER EKONG ANNOUNCED AT UNIFE MARCH 17 FMG INTENDED ESTABLISH GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE KADUNA AND NATIONAL MINERAL AND METALLURGICAL LABORATORY JOS AT COST 14 MILLION AND 8 MILLION DOLLARS RESPECTIVELY. PURSUING COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY, EMBOFF WROTE EKONG OFFERING ASSISTANCE. POSSIBLY EKONG APPROACH TO USIS (SEE REFTTEL) IS FOLLOWUP REACTION.

2. EMBASSY SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT ASK BUREAU OF MINES AND U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY IF THEY CAN ASSIST EKONG DEFINE HOW ORGANIZE NEW INSTITUTIONS, AFTER WHICH USDOC COULD TAKE OVER AND INTRODUCE EKONG TO U.S. CONSULTING AND ENGINEERING FIRMS AND EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS WHO CAN CARRY OUT HIS PLANS. APPRECIATE PRELIMINARY REPLY SOONEST AS EKONG'S OFFICE SAYS HE PLANS TRAVEL IN WEEK OR SO.
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